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ITD will share plans for five interchanges on SH-16 at April 26 open house

MERIDIAN - The Idaho Transportation Department will host an open house on Wednesday, April 26 to share design plans for the final phase of the State Highway 16 Interchange project in the central Treasure Valley.

The final phase will include four new interchanges where SH-16 meets SH-44, US-20/26, Ustick Road and Franklin Road. It will also include an expansion of the I-84/SH-16 interchange.

Community members can view plans between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on April 26 at the Hampton Inn in Nampa (5750 E. Franklin Rd.). An online version of the meeting will be available until May 10 at https://itdprojects.org/projects/sh16corridor/.

"Building a new highway corridor is a major endeavor, and it's happening in part because of ongoing support from the community and local leaders," said ITD Project Manager Merrill Sharp. "While the design of the future interchanges proceeds, work is currently underway to build the mainline of the highway, which allows the community to benefit from this new highway sooner."

The current phase of construction began last year. It includes an initial interchange at I-84 and approximately five miles of new highway between US-20/26 and I-84. Motorists will pause at traffic signals along the highway until the final interchanges are constructed.

Public input from the April 26 meeting will help ITD finalize the interchange design plans prior to construction. Construction will be scheduled once funding is available.

The SH-16 project is funded in part with <u>Transportation Expansion and Congestion Mitigation (TECM) funds</u> as part of <u>Governor</u> Little's Leading Idaho initiative. The program allows ITD to accelerate project timelines to address rapid growth and build critical infrastructure today that would otherwise take many years to fund and build.

For more information, visit https://itdprojects.org/projects/sh16corridor/ or text HIGHWAY16 to 1-866-483-8422.